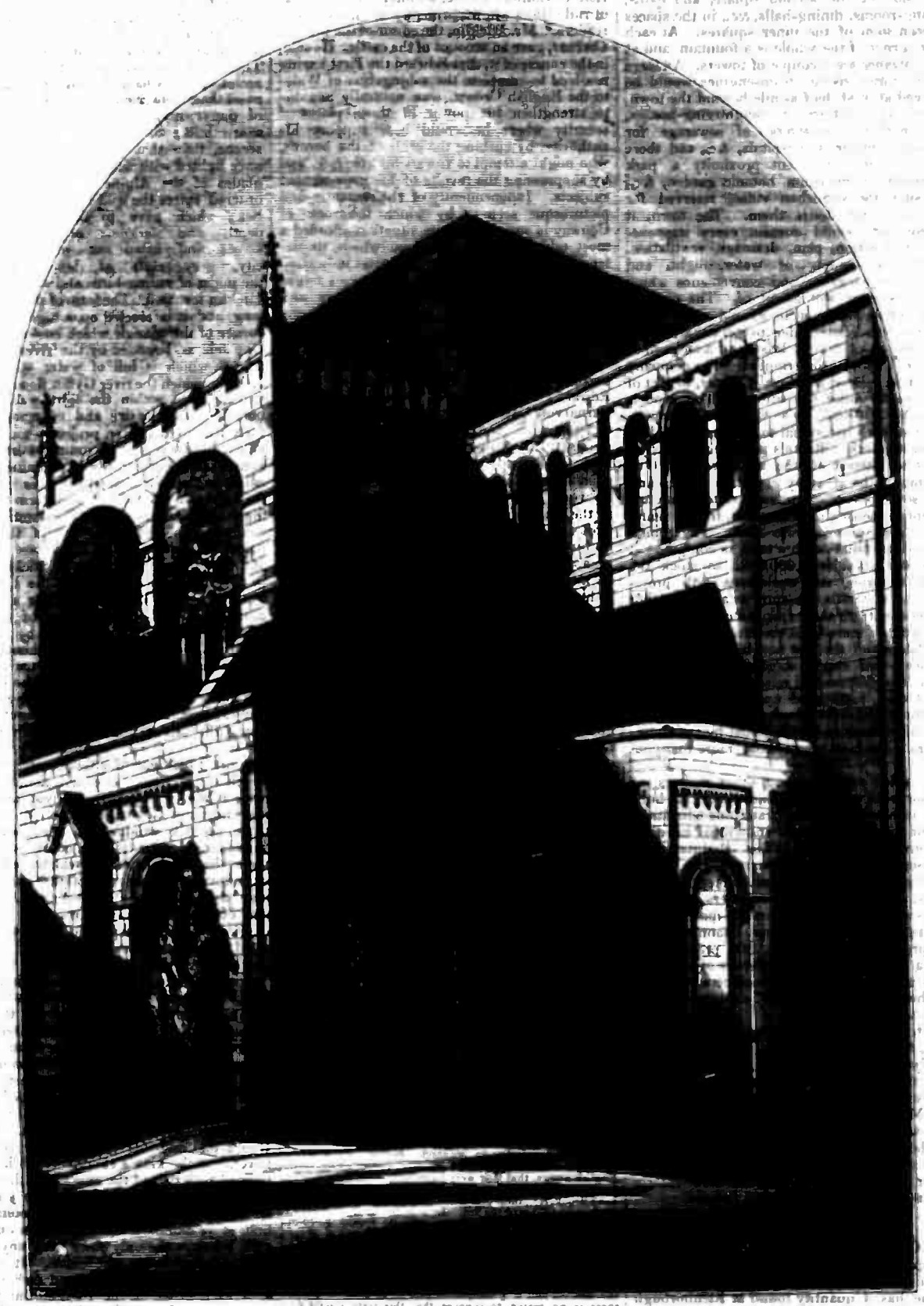
ROMSEY ABBEY CHURCH.*

[12TH CENTURY.]



Forest, where there are 60,000 acres wholly useless to the Government and the country, out of which the Woods and Forests, authorised by Parliament, might grant a lease of the requisite ground, without rent the first year, and afterwards at a rent rising from 5s. an acre, by an annual increase of 2s. 6d., up to 20s., so that for the site of a town or farm, one mile square, with 10,000 acres of land surrounding it, the state would receive 10,000*l.* a-year of rental, in place of, as now, virtually nothing. He also instances estates in Ireland where the experiment might be tried, and we might here ask whether some such joint-stock association might not come within the sphere of operations lately proposed in Parliament for the regeneration of Ireland?

The plan of a town laid down in the engravings appended to the volume is a concentric series of squares within squares, with spacious avenues radiating from the central range, both at right angles across the square, and diagonally towards the corners for convenience. In the central square are concentrated all the public offices, with a forum 700 feet square, and an octagonal tower in the centre with illuminated clocks, bells, and an electric light for lighting the whole town. There are fountains at each corner of the square inclosing the central one, and a wide space on each side with churches, university, museum, concert-rooms, &c. The next, or sixth square from the exterior, has a covered arcade for winter promenade, 100 feet wide, and the fourth, one for retail bazaars, 100 feet wide. In the second is also one for work-

* See p. 367, in present number.

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